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SUBJECT: BIO ON FONMIN ROBLEDO

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6203

1. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT AN UP-TO-DATE BIO REPORT (DATED AUG 19, 1975) IS AVAILABLE ON ANGEL FEDERICO ROBLEDO. THE EMBASSY CAN ADD LITTLE TO THIS REPORT AND TO INFORMATION ALREADY REPORTED, EXCEPT TO COMMENT THAT ROBLEDO SHOWED MARKED POISE AND SENSE OF HUMOR DURING THE SEPT 15 TELEVISION SHOW (SEE REFTEL) WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN APPOINTED MIN OF INTERIOR, IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER DUTIES. IT WAS CLEAR THAT ROBLEDO WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE, BUT AFTER HAVING CONFIRMED THAT THE NEWS WAS INDEED ACCURATE, HE RECOVERED QUICKLY AND HANDLED THE MATTER SMOOTHLY.

2. IT MIGHT ALSO BE EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE SOME OFFICIALS STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS IN PRIVATE, THEY TAKE ANOTHER TACK IN PUBLIC. ROBLEDO HAS CONSISTENTLY AND PUBLICLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE US. WHILE MIN OF DEFENSE, FOR EXAMPLE, HE STATED AS MUCH ON A NATIONWIDE TELEVISION PROGRAM.

3. A VIRTUAL UNKNOWN BEFORE HE WAS APPOINTED MIN OF DEFENSE IN 1973, ROBLEDO'S APPOINTMENT AT THAT TIME WAS
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SAID TO HAVE COME AS THE RESULT OF GEN PERON'S EXPRESSED

WISH. THIS TENDS TO HAVE BEEN BORNE OUT BY SUBSEQUENT EVIDENCE.

4. AS MIN OF DEFENSE, ROBLEDO SEVERAL TIMES MENTIONED HIS WISH TO VISIT THE US, INDICATING HE HAD HAD OCCASION TO VISIT EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA BUT HAD NEVER VISITED THE UNITED STATES. UNFORTUNATELY, HE MAY HAVE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MUCH OTHER THAN NEW YORK DURING HIS COMING TRIP TO THE UNGA. APPARENTLY HE MUST GET BACK QUICKLY TO HIS DUTIES AS MIN INTERIOR; THEREFORE, MAY HAVE TO CUT HIS VISIT FROM 10 DAYS TO 6.
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